

**October Milk Production**

Milk production in Wisconsin during October 2014 totaled 2.34 billion pounds, up 2 percent over the previous October, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 1.27 million head, was the same as last month, but 2,000 fewer than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,840 pounds, up 45 pounds from a year ago. This is the first time October monthly milk per cow has exceeded 1,800 pounds in Wisconsin.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 3.9 percent from October 2013. September revised production, at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 4.3 percent from September 2013. The September revision represented an increase of 22 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,868 pounds for October, 51 pounds above October 2013. This is the highest production per cow for the month of October since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.59 million head, 89,000 head more than October 2013, and 3,000 head more than September 2014.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 17.1 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from October 2013.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,842 pounds for October, 52 pounds above October 2013.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.28 million head, 77,000 head more than October 2013, and 4,000 head more than September 2014.

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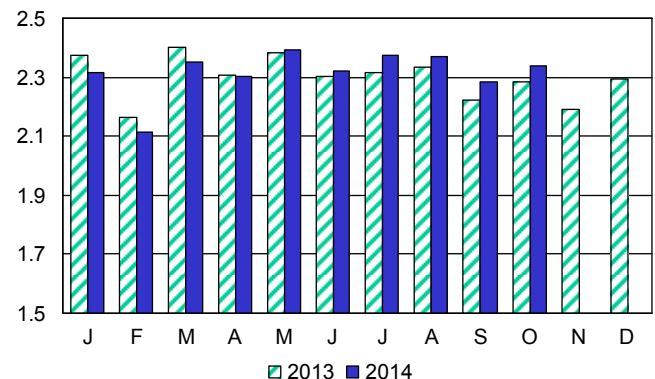
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Farm Labor Report
Milk Production Report

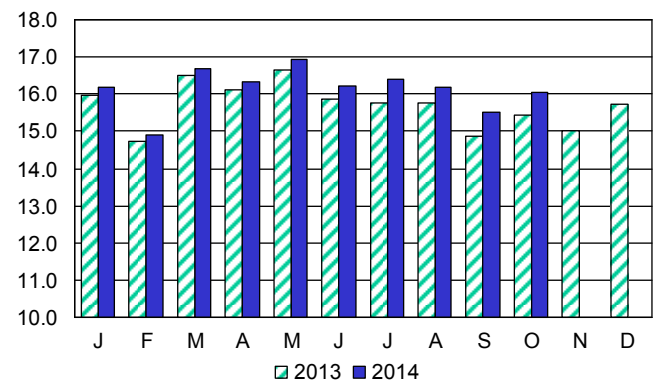
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Wisconsin



Billion pounds

MILK PRODUCTION
23 Selected States

**October Milk Production**

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % chnge 2014/13
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,272	1,270	1,795	1,840	2,283	2,337	+2.4
CA	1,780	1,780	1,875	1,925	3,338	3,427	+2.7
ID	569	579	1,950	2,015	1,110	1,167	+5.1
MI	380	397	2,000	2,050	760	814	+7.1
MN	463	460	1,610	1,665	745	766	+2.8
NM	322	323	2,025	2,060	652	665	+2.0
NY	610	615	1,840	1,880	1,122	1,156	+3.0
PA	530	530	1,620	1,680	859	890	+3.6
TX	440	472	1,820	1,895	801	894	+11.6
23-state total	8,504	8,593	1,817	1,868	15,449	16,048	+3.9

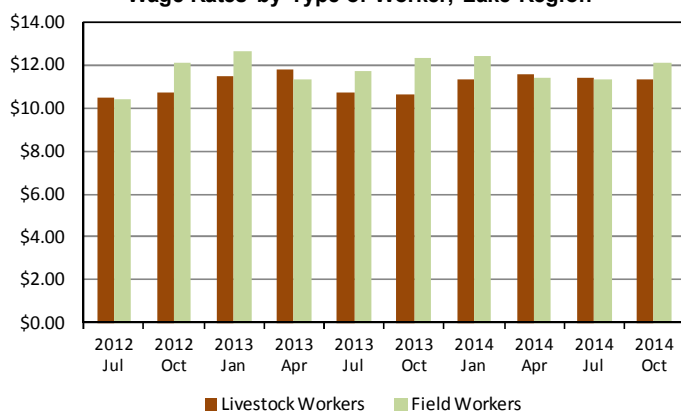
1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Farm Labor

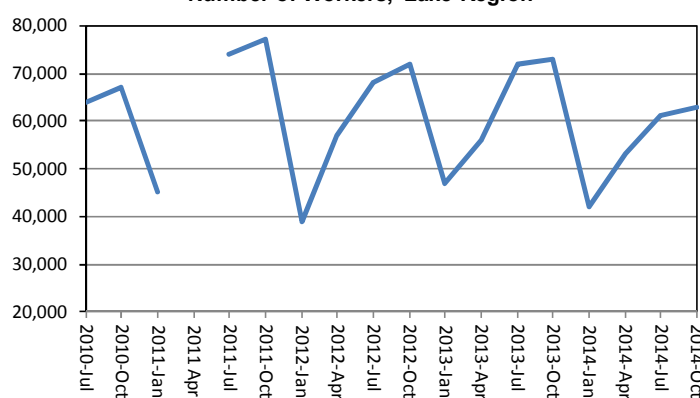
There were 63,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin) during the reference week of October 12-18, 2014, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farm Labor Report*. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$12.24 per hour during the October 12-18, 2014, reference week, up \$0.09 from October 2013. This marks the highest October wage rate since records began in 1989. The number of hours worked averaged 38.5 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 43.4 hours in October 2013.

During the reference week of July 6-12, 2014, there were 61,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin). This marks the smallest number of July workers hired. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$11.87 per hour during the July 2014 reference week, down \$0.03 from July 2013. This is the second highest July wage rate on record. The number of hours worked averaged 38.4 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 40.7 hours in July 2013.

Wage Rates by Type of Worker, Lake Region



Number of Workers, Lake Region



*The April 2011 Farm Labor Survey was not conducted.

Hired Workers and Wage Rates – Lake Region and United States: 2013-2014

	Lake Region			United States		
	October 2013	July 2014	October 2014	October 2013	July 2014	October 2014
Farm employment	1,000 workers			1,000 workers		
Hired Workers on Farms						
150 days or more	52	43	42	619	583	561
149 days or less	21	18	21	252	255	221
Total	73	61	63	871	838	782
Hours worked by Hired Workers	Hours per week			Hours per week		
	43.4	38.4	38.5	41.7	40.5	41.3
Wage Rate ¹	Dollars per hour			Dollars per hour		
Field & Livestock combined	11.55	11.35	11.75	11.27	11.33	11.46
Field	12.33	11.30	12.09	11.38	11.36	11.52
Livestock	10.60	11.40	11.35	10.93	11.26	11.29
All Hired Workers	12.15	11.87	12.24	11.96	11.96	12.12

1/ Lake Region includes Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. 2/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

NUMBER OF MILK COW HERDS:**By Months, Wisconsin, 2011-2014 1/**

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	12,431	11,761	11,155	10,541
February	12,378	11,715	11,119	10,498
March	12,342	11,672	11,096	10,460
April	12,259	11,637	11,023	10,407
May	12,167	11,562	10,915	10,334
June	12,092	11,518	10,853	10,296
July	12,018	11,482	10,803	10,254
August	11,993	11,440	10,762	10,209
September	11,957	11,378	10,721	10,186
October	11,916	11,324	10,665	10,157
November	11,855	11,260	10,632	10,136
December	11,786	11,175	10,581	

1/Based on data from the Dairy Producer License list as of the beginning of the month, Division of Food Safety, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

NUMBER OF MILK GOAT AND SHEEP HERDS:**By Months, Wisconsin, 2011-2014 1/**

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	209	198	214	207
February	210	203	218	205
March	210	210	220	208
April	209	223	225	221
May	212	219	224	220
June	213	214	225	222
July	216	218	221	218
August	216	220	219	219
September	212	217	214	218
October	212	215	212	216
November	211	214	205	218
December	205	220	206	

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**WISCONSIN MILK COW HERDS BY TYPE OF MILK PRODUCED,
Number and Percent, by County 1/, November 1, 2014**

County	Total Grade A		Total Grade B				Total herds
	Herds	Percent of Total	Herds			Percent of Total	
			Bulk	Can	Total		
ADAMS	16	100%	0	0	0	0%	16
ASHLAND	12	86%	2	0	2	14%	14
BARRON	221	95%	11	0	11	5%	232
BAYFIELD	25	93%	2	0	2	7%	27
BROWN	166	94%	10	0	10	6%	176
BUFFALO	117	93%	4	5	9	7%	126
BURNETT	26	87%	3	1	4	13%	30
CALUMET	114	96%	5	0	5	4%	119
CHIPPEWA	295	96%	9	4	13	4%	308
CLARK	699	79%	41	144	185	21%	884
COLUMBIA	96	80%	0	24	24	20%	120
CRAWFORD	96	96%	4	0	4	4%	100
DANE	268	96%	10	1	11	4%	279
DODGE	275	98%	5	0	5	2%	280
DOOR	66	92%	6	0	6	8%	72
DOUGLAS	8	100%	0	0	0	0%	8
DUNN	158	96%	6	0	6	4%	164
EAU CLAIRE	84	60%	9	48	57	40%	141
FLORENCE	2	67%	1	0	1	33%	3
FOND DU LAC	258	98%	5	0	5	2%	263
FOREST	1	100%	0	0	0	0%	1
GRANT	382	95%	21	0	21	5%	403
GREEN	185	71%	77	0	77	29%	262
GREEN LAKE	44	56%	2	32	34	44%	78
IOWA	179	91%	17	0	17	9%	196
IRON	4	100%	0	0	0	0%	4
JACKSON	104	70%	13	31	44	30%	148
JEFFERSON	104	99%	1	0	1	1%	105
JUNEAU	61	94%	4	0	4	6%	65
KENOSHA	24	100%	0	0	0	0%	24
KEWAUNEE	160	92%	13	1	14	8%	174
LA CROSSE	89	98%	2	0	2	2%	91
LAFAYETTE	207	86%	34	1	35	14%	242
LANGLADE	47	94%	3	0	3	6%	50
LINCOLN	38	86%	6	0	6	14%	44
MANITOWOC	228	97%	8	0	8	3%	236
MARATHON	531	89%	65	0	65	11%	596
MARINETTE	65	96%	3	0	3	4%	68
MARQUETTE	31	76%	3	7	10	24%	41
MILWAUKEE	2	100%	0	0	0	0%	2
MONROE	185	58%	7	126	133	42%	318
OCONTO	123	93%	9	0	9	7%	132
ONEIDA	0	100%	0	0	0	0%	0
OUTAGAMIE	198	95%	11	0	11	5%	209
OZAUKEE	53	95%	3	0	3	5%	56
PEPIN	57	97%	2	0	2	3%	59
PIERCE	134	96%	6	0	6	4%	140

WISCONSIN MILK COW HERDS BY TYPE OF MILK PRODUCED
Number and Percent, by County 1/ (Continued), November 1, 2014

County	Total Grade A		Total Grade B				Total herds
	Herds	Percent of total	Herds			Percent of total	
			Bulk	Can	Total		
POLK	129	98%	3	0	3	2%	132
PORTAGE	103	91%	10	0	10	9%	113
PRICE	50	88%	7	0	7	12%	57
RACINE	28	100%	0	0	0	0%	28
RICHLAND	109	82%	18	6	24	18%	133
ROCK	93	96%	4	0	4	4%	97
RUSK	115	92%	10	0	10	8%	125
ST CROIX	140	88%	7	12	19	12%	159
SAUK	182	91%	18	0	18	9%	200
SAWYER	17	100%	0	0	0	0%	17
SHAWANO	295	94%	20	0	20	6%	315
SHEBOYGAN	145	93%	11	0	11	7%	156
TAYLOR	195	88%	25	2	27	12%	222
TREMPEALEAU	150	91%	13	2	15	9%	165
VERNON	194	51%	22	163	185	49%	379
WALWORTH	75	100%	0	0	0	0%	75
WASHBURN	20	91%	2	0	2	9%	22
WASHINGTON	91	96%	4	0	4	4%	95
WAUKESHA	25	100%	0	0	0	0%	25
WAUPACA	156	90%	17	0	17	10%	173
WAUSHARA	40	91%	4	0	4	9%	44
WINNEBAGO	75	89%	9	0	9	11%	84
WOOD	188	88%	26	0	26	12%	214
State Total	8,853	87%	673	610	1,283	13%	10,136

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